

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A disposable diaper having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet and a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between these sheets, wherein: a side flap is provided on each side of a back portion of the diaper which is, while worn, positioned in the back of a wearer, a tape tab comprising polypropylene ~~for fastening the diaper~~ is provided on each side flap for fastening the diaper, said side flap is made of nonwoven fabric, and said tape tab is fixedly joined to said side flap with hot-melt adhesive, which has a melt viscosity of 30 to 100 Pa·s at 140°C,

wherein said tape tab, said side flap and said hot-melt adhesive are composed of materials rendering said side flap torn near a joint when pulled at a peel angle of 180° at a speed of 100m/min.

2. (Previously Presented) The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven fabric making said side flap has a basis weight of 7 to 30 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 1, which comprises the steps of feeding said hot-melt adhesive contained in a tank of an applicator to an application head through a feed conduit, applying said hot-melt adhesive at a spread of 20 to 100 g/m<sup>2</sup> to a first member constituting the diaper, and then fixedly joining a second member constituting the diaper to said first member, wherein said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank is melted by heating to a prescribed temperature, and the temperature of

said hot-melt adhesive present in said application head is set lower than that of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank,

wherein said first member, said second member and said hot-melt adhesive are composed of materials rendering said second member torn near a joint when pulled at a peel angle of  $180^{\circ}$  at a speed of 100m/min .

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein the temperature of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank and present in said application head is from ~~150 to 200°C~~ 160 to 180°C and from ~~120 to 150°C~~ 130 to 140°C, respectively.

5. (Original) The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein the melt viscosity of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank and present in said application head is from 5 to 50 Pa·s and from 10 to 500 Pa·s, respectively.

6. (Previously Presented) The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said tape tab is fixedly joined to said side flap with a hot-melt adhesive applied at a spread of 20 to 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>.